

registered to vote, on and off campus. He was a poll watcher.

“He even went on a ‘Bernie Journey’ where he rode with fellow Temple students on a schoolbus to North and South Carolina to campaign for his favorite politician, BERNIE SANDERS.

“Sam truly believed in the ‘not me, us’ mantra, which is why he was so outspoken in his love of politics and striving for a better world.

“Sam had a larger-than-life personality. As one of his professors pointed out: ‘It is impossible to be involved in the Political Science Department and not know Sam Collington.’

“He became known on campus as ‘Poly-Sci Sam.’

“To lose a child is the greatest pain any parent can ever experience. Every day, my heart breaks all over again. To lose a child like Sam, knowing that he was destined for something big, is absolutely soul-crushing. How his father, sister, and I are still standing seems impossible to believe. He made us better people just by knowing him. We are destroyed without him, his cheerfulness, his wit, and his intelligence.

“One of the hardest parts is knowing my son’s murder was preventable. Our children should be able to go to school safely. We should not have to worry about making sure they know where the closest exits are at the movie theaters, supermarkets, concerts, and churches.

“I implore our elected officials to do more to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

“We must do better. We have to do better. We are failing our children.

“They say time heals all wounds, but I can tell you without any doubt whatsoever, not this one.”

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, there is no denying that the crisis at our southern border was caused by President Biden and his administration’s open-border policies.

Since President Biden took office, more than 3.8 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at our southern border. Meanwhile, the commissioner of Customs and Border Protection was falling asleep during meetings while this crisis continued on his watch.

This is exactly why, around 2 weeks ago, I joined 15 of my fellow House Republicans, led by Congressman HICE, in calling on CBP Commissioner Magnus to resign. Thankfully, he did, and now our country and its national security are better off.

Already, before Republicans even officially take the majority, we are holding the Biden administration accountable.

I promise that come January 3, when the new Congress is sworn in, you can

expect more accountability where that came from.

PRESIDENT BIDEN’S STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS HANDOUT

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, the Congressional Budget Office has confirmed what most Tennesseans already knew. President Biden’s plan to give a handout to millions of college-educated Americans will be paid for with even more deficit spending than anticipated, around \$400 billion in deficit spending to be exact.

This is just as shocking: The President thinks it is acceptable and legal to spend this kind of money without congressional approval. But it is neither.

We hear \$10,000 per borrower thrown around a lot, but the CBO says 24 million people would receive \$20,000 in debt forgiveness under the plan. That is basically a 2022 Hyundai Elantra or a Kia Soul or a brand-new Nissan Sentra.

I ask my Democrat colleagues: How are you okay with giving away the equivalent of a new car to 24 million people and asking those without student debt to foot the bill, asking Tennessee plumbers to foot the bill for Harvard-educated lawyers, asking America’s blue-collar workers to give a subsidy to some of the best-educated people and best-paid people in this country?

This administration must reverse course on this wrong-headed, regressive policy.

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE RESTRAINED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the need for us to prohibit the physical restraining of young children as a form of discipline in schools.

Shockingly, in the 2017 through 2018 school year, nearly 71,000 elementary school-aged children were physically restrained. Even worse, 80 percent of the restrained children were kids with disabilities, some younger than 5 years old, even though they only make up 13 percent of the student population.

In Texas, 91 percent of all reported restraints are experienced by children with disabilities. Regrettably, children who are Latino and Black are at much higher risk of being restrained.

Since 2020, nearly 20 fatalities have occurred because of poor restraining techniques and children’s bodies simply being too small to endure this form of discipline. This is simply heart-breaking and is totally unacceptable.

It doesn’t appear to be slowing down. Just this month, Moesha Baker, a mother from the Houston Independent School District, received a letter from her 4-year-old son’s elementary school and was told that he had been restrained at school. Ms. Baker learned 2 days after the incident that this restraining had been unjustified and that

the teacher was on administrative leave.

This is a very deeply troubling case. Fortunately, her son was not physically hurt, but think of the emotional scars that he must endure. This is, again, totally unacceptable.

Many times children are hurt, like a 10-year-old student from a charter school in Waco, Texas, who sadly was restrained to the point that he actually had a broken arm in four places when he was restrained last month. The child had a learning disability.

Madam Speaker, put yourself in the shoes of these families. One minute, you are hugging your child, saying goodbye, they are off to school. The next minute, you get a call that your child has been restrained, put in handcuffs or zip-tied as a form of discipline. This is flat wrong, it is inhumane, and it must stop.

Madam Speaker, today, I will be introducing my resolution called the No Kids in Cuffs Resolution to encourage local and State governments to prohibit this practice.

Young children who are restrained are more likely to experience short-term and long-term problems in sleep, learning, relationships, and trust. In fact, being restrained is so traumatic that it even impedes a child’s development. Many of them go on to struggle with suicidal thoughts and are forced to live with post-traumatic anxiety. All of this on top of the physical pain that they may experience.

While the children clearly must be the first we protect, sometimes teachers, administrators, and officers are also at risk of developing trauma from just simply witnessing a child being restrained to the degree that their little arm is broken in four places. It is hard to endure, it is hard to witness, and this trauma must end.

Let’s make sure no other parent must endure what Ms. Baker and thousands of others families must go through. Let’s begin the conversation of prohibiting the physical restraining of children. Let’s put children over restraints. Let’s put books over cuffs.

That is why I am introducing today, Madam Speaker, the No Kids in Cuffs Resolution, and I ask all my colleagues to help me. We must end this practice. Children should focus on their books and their learning, not on cuffs and trauma.

HONORING JOANNA ROWE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, today, I come to the floor to honor a member of my team who has devoted the past 18 years to serving the constituents of North Carolina’s 10th Congressional District, serving it with integrity and honor, especially for veterans and servicemembers.

It is my true honor today to pay tribute to my friend and my lead veterans

and military caseworker, Joanna Rowe, who is retiring at the end of the year. Joanna has been with me since the beginning of my service here in the House in the beginning of 2005. Since day one, anyone who encountered Joanna instantly knew her passion for our veterans.

We had veterans line up just to go sit down and talk to Joanna and have a conversation with her because of her warm spirit and what a wonderful person she is, and everyone understood that very quickly.

The numbers tell that story about her passion for our veterans. During her service, Joanna has handled just shy of 6,000 veterans' cases and 362 Active-Duty military cases. She has helped 106 veterans obtain medals they were due for their service. She played an important role in helping establish the VA community-based outpatient clinics in Hickory and in Forest City, North Carolina, and was a key resource to county veterans service officers in 17 different counties during her service.

Susan Hall, the veterans service officer in Rutherford County, said of Joanna: "Joanna's commitment to serving the veterans of our community is exemplary. I will miss her greatly. The Congressman, as well as the people of Rutherford County and the great State of North Carolina have been blessed with the service of Joanna Rowe."

Joanna will be missed and will be missed by so many, not just the veterans, but her coworkers who love her dearly. And not just her coworkers, but me. Being able to work with her and to call her a friend and to learn from her has meant a great deal to me and to my wife Julia, as well as my kids.

So we want to thank her for her service. I thank her for her loving spirit and the strength of her faith.

It seems like just yesterday that she and I and her husband, Freddy, sat down for lunch in the fall of 2003 to talk about politics. I learned a lot during that first election to Congress from Joanna, and I thank her for her service and thank her for her friendship.

Joanna, we know you won't be a stranger. Thanks so much. We love you.

CELEBRATING MINNESOTA WINS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. OMAR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I want to start out by thanking my community for reelecting me to serve Minnesota's Fifth Congressional District.

Our State continues to have the highest voter turnout in the Nation. It is one of the easiest States to vote in and should be a model for States across the country.

In my district, we increased our voter share by 10 percentage points from 2020, and we got more votes than any other House candidate in Minnesota.

Beyond that, Minnesotans voted to flip the Minnesota Senate, creating a

Democratic trifecta for the first time in nearly a decade.

We also voted for incredible new leaders throughout our State that have many firsts behind their names.

Bobby Joe Champion will be the first Black president of the Minnesota Senate.

Zaynab Mohamed will be the first African-born Somali woman and Gen Z member to be elected to the Minnesota Senate.

Along with Zaynab, Clare Oumou Verbeten and Erin Maye Quade will be among the first Black women elected to the Minnesota Senate.

Samantha Sencer-Mura will be the first Japanese-American member of the Minnesota House.

Leigh Finke will be the first trans member of the Minnesota House.

Mary Moriarty will be the first openly gay woman elected to be the Hennepin County attorney.

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Representation matters. We know none of these candidates ran to be the "first." They ran to make a difference for their communities.

When I was first elected to the Minnesota House, I was the first and only Somali-American legislator. Now there will be 11 Somali-American legislators across the country. It is often said, you can't be what you can't see. I am incredibly proud that we, along with so many others, have been able to inspire countless people to run for office. So now many more people will finally see themselves reflected in various places and positions of power.

I also want to take a moment to honor two of my mentors, Representative Jim Davnie and Senator Patricia Torres Ray, who are retiring from the Minnesota State House and Senate. I thank them for representing our communities so well over the years. I can't wait to see the work they continue to do to make sure our State thrives.

As we get ready to welcome in new leaders throughout our State, this is our time to deliver meaningful changes for Minnesotans. Now is the time to deliver affordable childcare, lower healthcare costs, invest in K-12 and higher education, combat the climate crisis, and legalize marijuana.

Minnesota nice is leading with compassion and getting things done. Let's get to work.

INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY ON MYANMAR

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the situation in Burma.

It has been my honor this year to be a member of the International Parliamentary Inquiry on Myanmar. Our group of lawmakers representing Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America released our final report earlier this month, which I will submit as an extension of my remarks.

The tragedy of the Burmese military coup is immense, but the resilience of the Burmese people and their move-

ment for democracy is deeply inspiring. The United States must recognize the National Unity Government as the legitimate government of Burma and never give legitimacy to the coup leaders.

But we should also be clear that the National Unity Government must include Rohingya representation to be legitimate. The international community has not done nearly enough to support the democratic aspirations of the Burmese people. We must lead by example while we still have time.

OUR BODIES, OUR CHOICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, when the Supreme Court voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, I was totally outraged. We knew that that day was coming, and as horrific as it was and is, we were ready. But I was not alone in that outrage.

Madam Speaker, over the past few weeks, the American people took their outrage, and they turned it into action. From Kentucky to California, red States to blue, our constituents made their voices heard, and their message is clear.

Americans trust people, not politicians, to make their own decisions about their health and their lives, including about abortion. Americans will use their vote to strike down attacks on reproductive rights time and time again and, yes, support reproductive freedom. Madam Speaker, it is time to turn our constituents' demands into congressional action.

To my Republican colleagues who try to claim their extremism as public opinion, we saw that the majority of American people are not buying it. I am determined to ensure that their voices are heard, to fight for all of our rights to make our own decisions over our bodies. I won't stop, and none of my colleagues here will stop, until the right to abortion is available and to keep politicians from interfering in our personal decisions about our bodies. We are going to keep fighting that this is available to everyone regardless of race, ZIP Code, or income. It is our bodies, and it is our choices.

CLIMATE CHANGE FUELING WILDFIRES

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the House amendment to S. 3902, the FIRE Act. I am proud to support this bill and thank my good friends and fellow Californians, Senator PADILLA and Congresswoman LOFGREN, for their leadership, and Chairman DEFAZIO and the Speaker for bringing it to the floor.

Communities across the world are feeling the impact of climate change, fueling wildfires and harming fragile ecosystems and communities.

I was privileged to be in Egypt last week for COP27, and it was very apparent and clear, and the voices were heard that we have got to address these